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Document CN 2220671Y

Figure 1 on the last page of this document appears to show a pan flute pipe 1 in which the position of a piston 3 can be adjusted to change the length of air column set in vibration in the pipe 1.

Document CH 693 250 A5

Figures 1 to 4 of this document appear to show a pan flute pipe 1 having a multiple component piston arrangement 2-19 for varying the length of air column set in vibration in the pipe 1.

Document DE 299 11 913 U1

The figure on the last page of this document appears to show a pan flute having two rows of pipes 10, one row of pipes 10 being movable with respect to the other row of pipes 10 through movement of lateral member 9.

Document DE 299 11 915 U1

The figure on the last page of this document appears to show a pan flute having two rows of pipes 1 and 2 supported by lateral member 3.

Document SU 1348900 A1

Figure 1 on the first page of this document appears to show a pan flute in which a rod 13 having a piston 12 at its end is positioned in each pipe 1 of the flute. Each rod 13 appears to be connected to a transverse rod 15 and to a spring 9 exerting a force on the rod 15. The pan flute appears to include a lateral member 27 having E-shaped openings 10 in which are inserted the transverse rods 15.

Figure 3 on the third page of this document appears to show an enlarged side-view of the cross section "II" shown in Figure 1. Lateral member 27 (not numbered in Figure 3) appears to extend into the pipe 2 and the assembly appears to be such that the lateral member 27 is fixed in a permanent position. No motion of the lateral member 27 appears to be possible and thus it appears that the rods 13 cannot be moved through movement of the lateral member 27.

Document FR 2 360 954

This document appears to describe the same pan flute as that described in document GB1513121 (document FR2360954A1 is the 7610159 application filed in France on March 31, 1976 that document GB1513121 cites as its convention application).

Document FR 2 523 752

Figure 4 on the last page of this document appears to show a pan flute pipe 8 in which the position of a piston 9 can be adjusted via a rod 12 to change the length of air column set in vibration in the pipe 8.

Document D 1574 35

Figures 1 to 3 on page 5 of this document appear to show a pan flute in which an accessory 4 directs air blown at the top of the pipes 3 and partly covers the entry of air into the pipes 3.

Document KR 1985-0002128

Figure 3 on page 3-3 of this document appears to show a pan flute pipe in which the position of a piston assembly 6 and 11 can be adjusted to change the length of air column set in vibration in the pipe.

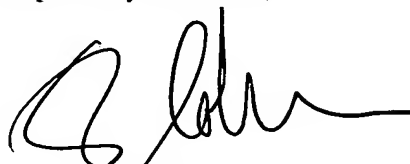
Document KR 0122960

Figures 1 to 3 on pages 4-3 and 4-4 of this document appear to show a pan flute in which a member 4 on a pipe P1 may be moved in order to vary the size of an opening 3 in the pipe P1.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered by the Examiner and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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	2.	US 2 167 582	07-25-1939	Hugh A. McCORD			
	3.	US 4 770 080	09-13-1988	Otto JIVOIN			
	4.	US 6 342 662	01-29-2002	Yin-Yao CHANG			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5.	FR 2 360 954	03-03-1978	FRANCE				✓
	6.	GB 1 513 121	06-07-1978	GREAT BRITAIN				✓
	7.	DE 1574 35	10-11-1982	GERMANY				✓
	8.	FR 2 523 752	09-23-1983	FRANCE				✓
	9.	KR 1985-0002128	09-25-1985	REPUBLIC OF KOREA				✓

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